

Minutes

Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee
December 5, 2006 – 7 to 8:00 a.m.
Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room
“Operationally Aware – Policy Focused”

Present: Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis; Bryan Freeborn
Staff: Jeff Richardson, William Hogan; Ted Lambert, Sarah Benson, Gary Gudac, Tim Splain, Daryl Fisher, Gary Cornett, Greg Grayson
Guests: District Attorney Ron Moore, Chief District Court Judge Gary Cash

- **Approval of November Minutes**
 - The minutes of the November meeting were approved.
- **Gary Cash, Chief District Court Judge**
 - Judge Cash advised there needs to be cooperation between city, county and state officials because the judicial system is overwhelmed. The courts are out of space and they have to limit calendars because of overcrowding and fire codes. He states there needs to be more public awareness of the problems.
 - Committee in favor of making the public more aware of the judicial issues.
 - Committee supportive of getting behind E-Citation and asking Information Services to move it forward on the priority list.
 - Committee wishes to get an update from Information Services at the January meeting.
- **Ron Moore, District Attorney**
 - District Attorney Ron Moore agreed with Judge Cash that the judicial system is overwhelmed. Mr. Moore advised that a new justice system is needed. Court is being held in the County Commissioners Chambers because they are out of courtroom space.
 - Committee in favor of Judge Cash and DA Ron Moore making a presentation to council on these issues.
 - Committee in favor of recommending to full council that meetings occur between City and County officials reference the judicial system issues.
 - Committee interested in League of Cities and Counties getting involved in the judicial system issues.
 - Committee in favor of reaching out to local news media so that citizens can be aware of these problems and also in favor of meeting with Chamber of Commerce.
 - Committee wishes to invite Sheriff Duncan to a future meeting.
- **Public Comment**
 - There was no public comment.
- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, January 2, Municipal Building – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.

